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White House Contends Carter Crippled C.I.A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (AP) — A White House spokesman said today that failures in intelligence-gathering in connection with the Beirut bombing could be attributed to decisions of the Carter Administration that crippled the Central Intelligence Agency.

The spokesman, Larry Speakes, was commenting on the intelligence section of the Long Commission report.

The report, without mentioning the Administration of President Carter, said the intelligence failure was "in large part due to policy decisions which have resulted in a United States human intelligence capability commensurate with the resources and time that have been spent on it."

Mr. Speakes said:

"We don't quarrel with the fact that the C.I.A. and other intelligence-gathering agencies have been crippled by decisions of the previous Administration, and we are in the process of rebuilding capabilities. But it takes time to re-establish our intelligence-gathering methods."